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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004 having a reply due date of September 15, 2004. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below. Enclosed is a check for \$680.00 for six additional independent claims, three additional dependent claims and one month extension of time. If any additional fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.

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